

## BLUELINE COMMITTEE 2022 -2023

Congratulations to all our Royals teams and families for all the dedication that has gone into this year's edition of the Blueline. Once again, we have had an excellent year with returning advertisers as well as many first-time advertisers entering our pages with their support.

Thank you to all the team managers, coaches and parents for their efforts that have been put into getting this yearbook to the publisher. Thank you to Bob Hart of Hart Photography for all the team photos and to the Royals parents for the action photos featured throughout the Blueline. Your talents help to make our yearbook memorable each year.

I would like to commend the coordinators of each team for their efforts in getting the orders and copy to myself and for going the extra mile to make this the great production it is.

Thank you to Doug Kletke and his team from Oil City Press and especially and Fathima Jamaldeen for all the many dedicated hours that she has put into getting our book put together; for all your help, support with the coordination for which has made the production go smoothly from start to finish.

Thank you to all our advertisers for without you this book would not be possible. Thank you for your support as your advertising has given our yearbook the professional touch that you see here.

This year's Blueline Committee consisted of:

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# CALGARY ROYALS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

## MISSION STATEMENT

**“Commitment to maintain a leading edge quadrant hockey program designed to focus, promote and encourage the development of players and coaches, through skill development, with positive attitudes towards sportsmanship, education and citizenship.”**

Prior to 1966, “AA” hockey in Calgary was sponsored exclusively by the Calgary Buffalo Hockey Association. In the mid 1960’s a group of energetic hockey men in South West Calgary reached the conclusion that the growth of the city justified the formation of a separate association to promote “AA” hockey in the South West area. The leaders of this group were Joe Kryczka, Bill Blyth, Ted Steele and Stan Jaycock. These gentlemen were instrumental in forming the South West Athletic Association which operated as an unincorporated association from 1966 to 1969. During this period the Association sponsored one team in each of the Bantam, Midget, Juvenile and Junior B categories.

The Association was incorporated under the Societies Act of the Province of Alberta in 1969. The activities of the Association have now expanded with the growth of the city, with renamed Age groups, and it now sponsors three U13 “AA”, three U15 “AA”, one U15 “AAA”, one U16 “AA”, one U17 “AAA”, two U18 “AA”, a U18 “AAA” and two Junior “B” teams.

The success of the Association over the years has been largely due to the outstanding leadership provided by its Presidents including Wilf Godfrey, George Dunn, Don Quinn, Bill Shearer, Laurie Schmidt, Bob Arkley, the Honorable Mr. Justice Bill O’Leary, Ron Onishenko, Don McCallum, Ken Morris, Bob Venables, Ray Ference, Bruce Bierwagon, Bob Wilson, Clive Marsh, Attila Szabo, Kris Katsaounis, Dave Freeborn, Mark Josefchak and Dale Peters (current president). The dedication and hard work of these men and women has contributed to the success of the Association and to the advancement of “AA” and “AAA” hockey in Calgary. There have been many Directors whose tireless efforts have contributed a great deal to C.R.A.A. hockey, including the late Emile Dupont and Rusty Basarab, Gordie Moore, Ron Johnson, Martin Vernon, Clint Reynolds, Doug Cook, Bob Sinclair, Bill Salt, Derek Gould, Ken Hindmarch, Scotty Jones, Dan Mulvenna, Jim Morris, Brent Siddons, Gary Soroka and Lee Morris. The C.R.A.A. (aka CRAA) formerly known as SWAA has been fortunate in attracting volunteers, coaches, and managers of the highest caliber.

The Association has been active in supporting progressive change in “AAA” and “AA” hockey. It was instrumental in the formation of the “AA” hockey council which supervises “AA” hockey as the delegate of the Minor Hockey Association of Calgary. It has actively supported the concept of tiering by age, so that players compete with others of approximately the same level of physical and mental development. The Association also took an active part in the formation of the Southern Alberta Major Midget Hockey League and the Alberta Major Midget Hockey League as well as the concept of forming a Major Midget team in each quadrant to participate in those Leagues. The Association has instituted a club concept whereby all team colours and insignia are standardized, resulting in better identification as well as savings in the cost of uniforms and jackets.

The aim of the Association has been and will continue to be the overall welfare of the players in its system. We are proud of the many fine young players who have participated in our system over the years, and we would like to think that they have received some benefit from their connection with us.

The Association appreciates the contributions made and the dedication over the years by its team sponsors, directors, coaches, managers, parents, and players.

## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



As we wrap up another hockey season, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteer coaches, managers, trainers, board members and contractors who work tirelessly to pull off the season from the organizational front. On behalf of the Executive and our Board of Directors, we

are honoured to carry the torch and continue the Royals legacy year after year.

To all of the players, parents, sponsors, and team volunteers, I thank you for your participation and for continuing to trust us to build our program on an elite level in Alberta. We are truly blessed to have had such great foundations and we have built upon those to lead by example in today’s ever changing hockey environment. We recognize that there are many options available in this day and time, and we strive to grow our program to meet the expectations that come with your family’s choice to play quadrant hockey.

The Blueline magazine profiles all the current Royals teams and players who are part of this year’s Royals organization and is a pivotal part of the CRAA. It provides the much-needed financial support for our players and families. The support for the Blueline and our other fundraising efforts provides all the players an opportunity to play hockey at the quadrant level.

This year, we again thank all the people involved with making the magazine a reality. Special thanks to Sandra Young, the Blue Line coordinator, and Jill Cameron, our Administrator. These ladies, and the individual team volunteers, ensure the magazine gets completed with the right pictures, articles, and sponsors, and at the Royals Gold Standard level.

It takes hard work, dedication, and commitment to develop young people with positive attitudes. We are developing skills for these players to be the leaders of tomorrow.

Cheer loudly and proudly. Be respectful of the players, referees, parents, volunteers, and other spectators as we all continue to respect our Royals Gold standard.

I look forward to seeing you all at the rink.

Respectfully,

**Dale Peters**  
President  
Calgary Royals Athletic Association







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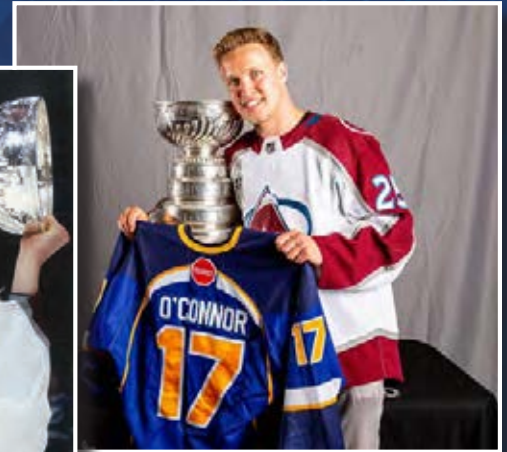
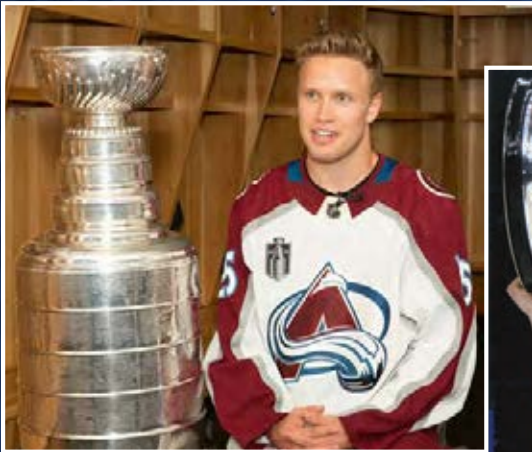
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# LOGAN O'CONNOR



What an exciting (and humbling) time it was to be back with the Royals last summer! I spent four wonderful years with the organization from 2009–2013. Like many players, I trained hard and worked my way up the ranks. I started in AA Bantam, went up to AAA Bantam, then Minor Midget, and finished in Major Midget.

If I can offer any advice, it would be to focus on steady gains, celebrate small wins, work hard, and most importantly, be a good teammate.

I worked with some terrific coaches and great teammates in my time as a Royal. I tried my best to listen and learn from criticism, and used words of encouragement as an indication I was on the right path. I was never a “star”, didn’t always play on the top teams, and was never drafted in either the WHL or NHL. It was the support of coaches, teammates, friends, and family that enabled me to keep pursuing my dream of playing in the NHL.

I loved my time spent growing on and off the ice with the Royals and cherished my time with the blue and gold. I’ll never forget bringing the Stanley Cup to Calgary and sharing it with my family, friends, and the hockey community.


I never took a day for granted playing as a Royal, and the same applies now with the Avalanche. All you can do is live in the moment and “enjoy the ride.”



# LOGAN O'CONNOR

## 2009-2013

**Logan O'Connor**



**Nickname:**  
**Last Year's Team:** Glenlake Peeewe 1  
**Position:** Forward **Shoots:** Right  
**City Born:** Missouri City, Texas  
**Favourite Player:** Zach Parise  
**Favourite Team:** Chicago Blackhawks  
**School:** Rideau Park Junior High **Grade:** 8  
**Interesting Places Traveled:** Chicago, IL & Ann Arbor, MI  
**Career Goals:** Play in the NCAA

2009-2010 – BANTAM AA BLUE

**Logan O'Connor**



**Nickname:** Logz  
**Last Year's Team:** Soritan AA Blue  
**Position:** Right Wing **Shoots:** Right  
**City Born:** Houston, TX  
**Favourite Player:** Zach Parise  
**Favourite Team:** Chicago Blackhawks  
**School:** Rideau Park **Grade:** 9  
**Interesting Places Traveled:** Japan  
**Career Goals:** To go to the University of Michigan on a Hockey Scholarship.

2010-2011 – BANTAM AAA

**Logan O'Connor**



**Nickname:** Logz  
**Last Year's Team:** Soritan AAA  
**Position:** Right Wing **Shoots:** Right  
**City Born:** Houston, Texas  
**Favourite Player:** Zach Parise  
**Favourite Team:** Tampa Bay Lightning  
**School:** Western Canada High School **Grade:** 10  
**Interesting Places Traveled:** Japan  
**Career Goals:** Go as far as I can in hockey.

2011-2012 – MINOR MIDGET AAA

**Logan O'Connor**



**Nickname:** Logz  
**Last Year's Team:** Minor Midget AAA Gold  
**Position:** Forward **Shoots:** Right  
**City Born:** Missouri City, Texas  
**Favourite Player:** Pavel Datsyuk  
**Favourite Team:** Philadelphia Flyers  
**School:** Western Canada **Grade:** 11  
**Interesting Places Traveled:** Japan  
**Career Goals:** Professional hockey player, medicine

2012-2013 – MAJOR MIDGET

